

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**(Amendment to the section of the specification under the heading BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS, in its entirety):**

The invention will now be further described, by way of example, with reference to the following drawing drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a test strip in accordance with the present invention; and

Figure 2 is a sectional view along the line A-A of Figure 1.

**(Amendment to the DETAILED DESCRIPTION, first paragraph thereof):**

The exemplified test strip comprises a planar base member 2, in this example of poly(butylene terephthalate) (PBT) (Valox® FR-1 from GE Plastics). The strip is 30 mm x 5.5 mm, and 0.5 mm thick. A working area 4 is of conventional construction, comprising a plurality of ~~electrodes~~ electrodes 5, a reagent layer layer 3 in intimate contact with the electrodes, and a mesh layer layer 1 for spreading out a drop of fluid to be received on the working area. Electrode tracks 12, for example of carbon, in the non-working area 8 of the test strip are connected to the electrodes in the working area 4 in known manner. Also in known manner, a dielectric layer 6 is printed around the working area 4 so as to overlie a portion of the electrode tracks 12, leaving just the ends of the tracks exposed for connection to corresponding electrodes on a meter. The layers are applied to the base member as inks, by screen printing. Each ink layer is about 10 to 20  $\mu\text{m}$  thick, and the mesh is about 59 to 67  $\mu\text{m}$  thick. The working area 4 has a total thickness which is about 100  $\mu\text{m}$  thicker than the non-working area 8 up to the dielectric layer 6.